

Wanderers on top of section 'A'

Wycombe Wanderers 1, Marlow 0.

FIELDING a side well below regular strength, Wycombe Wanderers had their work cut out to take both points from Tuesday night's Premier Mid-Week Floodlight League encounter against Marlow. Though they had by far the greater amount of the ball, the Blues were defied by a gallant Marlow defence and no one did more to keeping the score within reasonable bounds than Geoff Dobner in the Marlow goal.

Wycombe's victory puts them on top of Section A, two points clear of Banbury. The latter still have to meet Wokingham at home, which would give them two more points and put them level. However, Wanderers will have sealed the section if they drew or beat Marlow last night (Thursday).

Mick Holifield and Tony Price looked the men most likely to beat Dobner in the early stages but with quarter of an hour gone, the nearest the home side came to a score was as the result of a bad pass-back by Ian Shiel, Marlow's right-back.

A minute later Keith Searle tested Dobner with a low drive which the 'keeper did well to push away for a corner and then he was down at the feet of Dylan Evans to avert another crisis.

Marlow's attacking moves had been half-hearted and seemed to lack purpose but with 25 minutes gone, their first real shot in anger from Dave Hall went wide of the mark.

This started a short period of pressure from the visiting side and it was to lead to their eventual downfall. Ray Palmer forced a corner on the right which was taken by Peter Edmonds. The ball was headed away by Dave Bullock and found Tony Price. The left winger jinked his way to the edge of the Marlow penalty area hardly receiving any opposition before he fired a low, hard shot under Dobner's body to net what was to be the eventual winner.

Shots rained in on the Marlow goal for much of the second half,

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Price continuing to look the most promising striker. The man who had the easiest game was Kevin Raine in the home goal, but he might have had trouble with a shot from Hall in the 63rd minute.

Apart from that one incident, the Marlow attack lacked penetration and cohesion as well as finishing fire power.

Both sides played their two substitutes though these made little difference to the eventual outcome. But the situation could have been fraught for Marlow had it not been for the courage of Peter Sewell.

Nine minutes from the end he headed away a piledriver of a shot by Price, but was caught full in the face, collapsed and went off for four minutes.

Sewell gamely struggled back on four minutes later after being attended to by the trainer—and within 30 seconds was almost laid out again when he walked straight into another tremendous shot from Evans. Even the partisan home crowd had to applaud when Sewell, after a wipe from the trainer, got up and saw time out.

WYCOMBE WANDERERS — K. Raine; P. Griffiths, R. Grant (Sub. K. Mead); P. Wood, D. Bullock, P. Birdseye; K. Searle (Sub. S. Perrin), G. Mackenzie, D. Evans, M. Holifield, A. Price.

MARLOW — G. Dobner; I. Shiel, M. McKeown; A. Harrison, (Sub. A. Chapman), P. Stone, C. Reid; R. Palmer, M. Page, D. Hall, P. Sewell, P. Edmonds (Sub. R. Shepherd).

Referee: Mr. W. Clere (Downley)

PREMIER MIDWEEK FLOODLIGHT LEAGUE Section A

		Home				Away				
	P	W	D	L	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Wycombe Wanderers	9	3	2	0	2	1	1	17	10	15
Banbury United	9	4	0	0	1	2	2	18	11	13
Chesham United	10	1	1	3	2	1	2	16	17	10
Marlow	9	1	1	2	2	1	2	14	18	10
Maldenhead United	10	0	3	2	2	1	2	10	14	10
Wokingham Town	9	2	1	2	0	2	2	8	13	7